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OFFICER INVOLVED MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved motor vehicle accident reveals the following: On January 25, 2009, at approximately 5:20am, San Antonio Police officer Felicia Alderete, a 5-month SAPD veteran, was on routine patrol and traveling w/b on Southcross Rd. While traveling w/b, Officer Alderete's patrol car was struck head-on by a Chevrolet Silverado pick-up truck, which was traveling e/b on Southcross Rd. Preliminary evidence at the scene indicates the Chevrolet truck either suddenly crossed into the w/b lanes, or had been traveling e/b in the w/b lanes for a longer distance. Subsequent to the collision, the driver of the Chevrolet truck was ejected from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene. Officer Alderete was pinned in her patrol car and was subsequently freed with the SAFD's Jaws of Life. Officer Alderete was transported to BAMC where she remains in critical condition.

The accident is being investigated by SAPD's traffic investigation detail, and once completed; the findings will be forwarded to San Antonio Police Chief W.P. McManus.

The identity of the deceased driver is being withheld pending a formal identification process and the notification of next of kin. .

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